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# Exploring Text Structures

"Text structure" is the term for how an author organizes information. Authors use different text structures to achieve different purposes, and a piece of writing there might contain several types of text structures.

**Directions:** Common text structures are listed in the boxes below on the right. Use the information in these boxes to help you answer the following questions about the text structures in "The Beast of Loch Ness."

1. What is the main purpose of the article?

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2. The opening section uses which two text structures?

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3. In which section does the author mainly use problem and solution? How do you know?

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4. Reread the section "Fantastic Creatures." Use examples from the text to explain which text structure the author is using.

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5. Which text structure is used throughout the section "Finding Proof"? Why might the author have organized the information this way?

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**Description or List**

includes details to help you picture or get to know a person, a place, a thing, or an idea.

**Cause and Effect**

explains why something happened (cause) and what happened as a result (effect).

**Problem and Solution**

presents a problem and explains how it is solved.

**Compare and Contrast**

presents the similarities and/or differences between two items, such as a pair of events, time periods, ideas, or places.

**Sequence of Events**

describes events in the order in which they happen. This is also called chronological order.

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## Drawing Conclusions

**Directions:** After 80 years, people are still searching for a monster in Scotland's Loch Ness. Provide evidence from "The Beast of Loch Ness" and "Why We Believe" to conclude why people search and whether their pursuit is worthwhile. You can use your answers to help you respond to the writing prompt on page 9.

1. Why do people continue to search for the Loch Ness monster? Find three reasons in "The Beast of Loch Ness" and three reasons in "Why We Believe." Write them below.

"The Beast of Loch Ness"	"Why We Believe"

2. Is the search for a monster in Loch Ness worthwhile? Circle one: **Yes** **No**

Provide three reasons, supported by the texts, to explain your answer above. *Continue on the back of this sheet if you need more space.*